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TO BE PATRON OF 20,000, 000 PRAYING FOR CHANGE IN RUSSIA

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On October 12th, 43 persons will fly from Los Angeles over the Pole to France where, on Oct. 24th, they will meet in an ancient Cistercian Monastery (now a National Monument of France) to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the death of one of the greatest saints of our time... and to Americans one of the least known.

He was the Archbishop of Cuba.

He is Saint Anthony Mary Claret, apostle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He was confessor to the Queen of Spain and is founder of the Claretian Fathers. Although he is not so well known by many North Americans, his intercession is the hope of Cubans and his statue, with that of Saint Dominic, holds the most prominent place in the Bascilica of Fatima.

On October 13th, while over a hundred thousand persons are gathered at Fatima to celebrate the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, the International Lay Delegate of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima will meet the Los Angeles Pilgrimage in Rome and Saint Anthony Mary Claret will be proclaimed official patron of the 20, 000, 000 member Blue Army.

Heading the pilgrimage is Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, famed for sanctity throughout the western states. The Prior General of the Claretian Fathers in Rome said before the trip: "I know that Father Ellacuria's ideals are in perfect harmony with those of the Blue Army of Our Lady...he will be of great spiritual help on the pilgrimage for the centenary of the Saint's death."

Only forty-three persons are on the pilgrimage, but they represent hundreds upon hundreds more. The pilgrimage was limited to a small representative group and was not publicize in advance. All participating are members of the Blue Army who were invited to join a "pilgrimage" in the most strict sense of the term. They will be on the move every day, praying constantly, and reliving to a great extent the major events in the life of Saint Anthony Mary Claret...who was the Council Father in Vatican Council I who pleaded for the dogma of the Infallibility of the Pope (which was proclaimed during the Council) and for Saint Joseph to be made the Patron of the Church...which was accomplished on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception six weeks after the Saint's death.

"It is too bad the world cannot be conscious of what Saint Anthony Mary Claret stood for," said Father Ellacuria. "Perhaps now that we celebrate the century-day of his death, it is still not too late. He stand above all for finding union with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

Saint Anthony Mary Claret had the Blessed Sacrament incorrupt within him during the last sixteen years of his life, from one Mass to the other. And he attributed his intimacy with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament to faithful practice of simple devotions to Mary, such as the Rosary and the Scapular. He chose to found his Order of Claretians on the Feast of the Scapular, and he preached the Rosary so effectively that he could have been called the Saint Dominic of his day. For these reasons Saint Anthony Mary Claret stands in the most prominent place in the Basilica of Fatima, next to Saint Dominic.

The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima requires the Scapular (consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary) and the Rosary as the two principal aids to sanctification of daily duty and to a full Eucharistic Life. These conditions are a "pledge" prepared by Lucia, sole survivor of the three children who saw Our Lady of Fatima, as the basic requirement for a change in Russia and world peace.

t. Anthony Mary Claret, archbishop of Cuba, royal confessor of Queen Elizabeth II of Spain, father of Vatican Council I, and so far the only canonized saint of that Council, is the greatest apostle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of the 19th century and the forerunner of the Message of Fatima.

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St. Anthony Mary Claret was a special devotee of the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother all his life, from 1807 to 1870. His ideal was St. John the Evangelist in his filial love, his perfect surrender and thorough consecration of the Blessed Mother. Even more the ideal of St. Anthony Mary Claret was Jesus Christ Himself, to love with the Divine Heart of Jesus the Immaculate Heart of His most loving Mother and our Mother, given to us by Him as His last and best present while dying on the Cross in the person of St. John with those most beautiful words: "Behold thy son," "Behold Thy Mother."

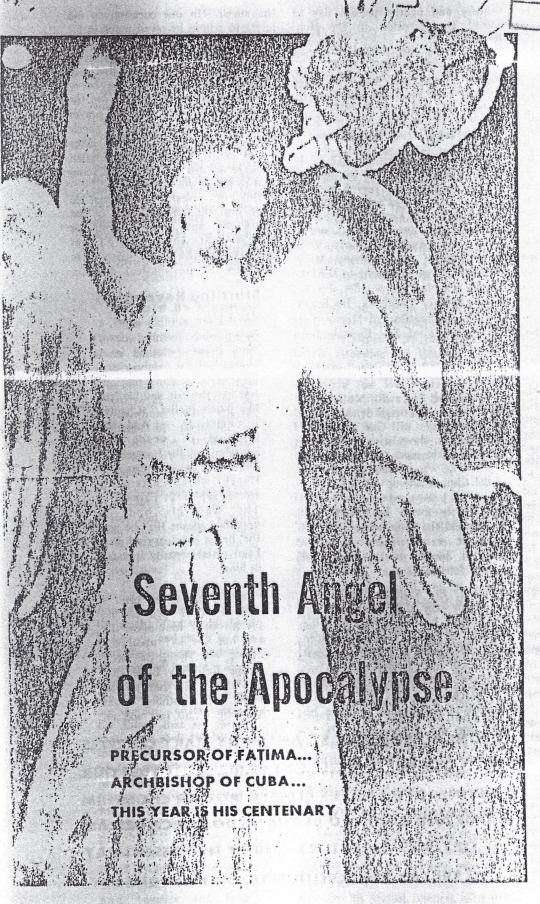
Forerunner of Fatima.

St. Anthony Mary Claret was the forerunner of the Fatima message for the following twelve reasons:

First: Because of his devotion to the Most Holy Trinity. St. Anthony Mary Claret recited the Angelic Trisagion each day. His devotion to the Most Holy Trinity was supreme, particularly at the end of his life.

Second: St. Anthony Mary Claret was one of the greatest adorers of the Most Blessed Sacrament from the beginnings of his childhood. St. Anthony Mary Claret preserved within his virginal body (incorrupt from one Holy Communion to the next) the Sacramental Species, from August 26th of 1861 until the day of his death, October 24, 1870. This is a most extraordinary grace granted by the Blessed Mother to him. Let us

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quote St. Anthony Mary Claret to century and of the present day to this purpose:

Why This Rarest of Gifts?

"The Most Holy Virgin obtained for me from her Divine Son the grace of preserving within my breast the Sacramental Species from one Communion to the next."This extraordinary favor was granted to St. Anthony Mary Claret not only for his personal holiness but as Our Lord and the Blessed Mother told him to be a tower of spiritual strength to counteract the moral evils of his day, particularly atheism.

Third: The Blessed Mother one Christmas night after the midnight Mass placed the Child Jesus in his arms, in the convent of the Adorers of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Madrid.

Fourth: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Apostle of the Immaculate Heart, deserves the place he occupies in the Basilica at Fatima on the right hand of the Blessed Mother on the main altar. He spread the devotion to the Immaculate Heart by word of mouth in his 25,000 sermons all over Spain, the Canary Islands, Cuba, Italy and France, and, by his most active life. St. Anthony Mary Claret used to consecrate to the Immaculate Heart of Mary every apostolic enterprise that he originated, and they were so many, every holy association where he presided, and every place he visited. These places were numerous because his apostolic zeal took him all over, faithful to his motto: "The love of Christ presses us."

The Archconfraternity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was spread far and wide personally by him and through his congregation of Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart, called also the Claretian Fathers.

St. Anthony Mary Claret as Archbishop of Cuba consecrated that island to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in her national sanctuary of Our Lady of Charity del Cobre.

Fifth: One reason why St. Anthony Mary Claret is the forerunner of Fatima is because Our Divine Lord and His Blessed Mother chose him time and again to be the St. Dominic Guzman of the 19th spread the devotion to the Holy

St. Anthony Mary Claret preached in season, out of season, on the Holy Rosary as the best means to enter into the inner sanctuary of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Valued the Scapular

Sixth: St. Anthony Mary Claret is the forerunner of Fatima by the fact of his position in regard to the Scapular of Mt. Carmel. This is confirmed by the Carmelite Order. In their centennial book of the scapular there are ample proofs and documents of St. Anthony Mary Claret's writings pertaining to the Mt. Carmel scapular. No wonder, for he was a Tertiary Carmelite. He began also his congregation of Missionaries on the feast of Mt. Carmel, July 16th, 1849.

Seventh: Our Lady of Sorrows. St. Anthony Mary Claret was a terrific client of the Sorrowful Mother and likewise belonged to the Confraternity of Our Lady of Sorrows. (In those days they could be tertiaries in more than one order.)

When he was in Cuba the enemies of the Church attempted to kill him. He was wounded but was miraculously cured by the Blessed Mother and the wound he received in his wrist was transformed into a beautiful image of Our Lady of Sorrows, visible to all.

Eighth: St. Anthony Mary Claret was visibly assisted by the angels, and protected by them against the enemies of the Church. Fourteen times the Masons in their lodges cast lots to kill him, from whom he was protected, particularly by St. Michael the Archangel. He was likewise transported from place to place by

the angels. On one occasion an old priest to whom he owed much in his youth was dying. St. Anthony Mary Claret was able in a few moments to be present with him to give him spiritual comfort, through a heavy snowfall without any trace on the ground. He wrote a beautiful prayer book on the nine choirs of angels which was very popular. I remember in my youth, as a miner seminarian we were divided into nine choirs and used to pray from this book.

Our Lord revealed to him that He made him the seventh angel of the Apocalypse, and I quote from the writings of St. Anthony Mary Claret of his interior life written in obedience to his spiritual director.

Startling Revelation

"And I saw another angel, a strong one, coming down from heaven, clothed in a cloud, and the rainbow was over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire," (Chapter X, Verse 1). - And the rainbow of peace and salvation was the Immaculate Heart (the same Immaculate Heart which afterwards would appear in Fatima) -The way his body is described means that he was the living sanctuary of Our Lord sacramentally present in him.

"And he had in his hand a little scroll set open; and he set his right foot upon the sea but his left upon the earth," - The little scroll means the Holy Bible that he carried with him all the time. - St. Anthony Claret saw one of his feet was on

ONE REASON WHY ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET IS THE FORERUNNER OF FATIMA IS BECAUSE OUR DIVINE LORD AND HIS BLESSED MOTHER CHOSE HIM TIME AND AGAIN TO BE THE ST. DOMINIC GUZMAN OF THE 19TH CENTURY AND OF THE PRESENT DAY TO SPREAD THE DEVOTION TO THE HOLY ROSARY.

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Cuba in the sea and the other was on the mainland of Europe.

"And he cried with a loud voice as when a lion roars," (Verse 3). - In his evangelical life by means of his apostolic preaching he was a lion roaring, in spite of all the calumnies, attacks of the devils, and all the enemies of the Church, the plots against his life and the persecutions. He was a lion of superhuman fortitude withstanding all the evil directed against him.

Would Be More

"And when he had cried, the seven thunders spoke out their voices," (Verse 4)' -This means the great apostles to follow in the footsteps of St. Anthony Mary Claret, animated by their intense love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Holy Eucharist.

"And when the seven thunders had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Seal up the things that the seven thunders spoke, and do not write them. '

"And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the earth, lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by him who lives forever and ever. who created heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth and the things that are therein, and the sea and the things that are therein, that there shall be delay no longer; but that in the days of the seventh angel, when he begins to sound the trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, as he declared by his servants the prophets." (Verses 5-7) "And they said to me, 'Thou must prophesy again to many nations and peoples and tongues and kings,'

(Verse 11). - St. Anthony Mary Claret was the great prophet who announced one century ahead the evils of today, particularly Communism. He spoke before the kings as the royal confessor of Queen Elizabeth of Spain and before the highest authorities of the Church, as prominent Father of the Vatican Council I, before Pius IX and all the Council Fathers. Among them was the Cardinal Joachim Pecci, later on the wonder Pope Leo XIII, and Cardinal Gibbons of Boston.

Ninth: St. Joseph. St. Anthony Mary Claret as Father of Vatican Council I signed a petition with 150 others attending the Council asking the Holy Father to declare St. Joseph patron of the Universal Church. It was two months after the death of St. Anthony Mary Claret that His Holiness Pius IX answered this petition by proclaiming St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church, on December 8, 1870.

Once when St. Anthony Mary Claret was supposed to be assassinated, on the feast of St. Teresa on October 15, 1859, one of those on whom the lot fell to perform the deed, passed by the church of St. Joseph. To mock at the holy place he entered and saw at the altar a young priest saying the Holy Mass with great devotion. When Mass was over he went to talk to this young priest to pervert him, but found him very virtuous and learned. The grace of God touched him, then the assassin-to-be continued his trip to meet St. Anthony Mary Claret. He told him from where he had come and the plot against his life. Our Lord made St. Anthony Mary Claret understand that the intercession of St. Joseph protected him from assassination that day.

Secret of Counteraction

Tenth: St. Anthony Mary Claret as a great prophet foretold Communism and its evils one century ago. Our Lord told him to counteract all these evils by his perfect oneness with the Holy Eucharist, day and night present in him, and the fervent recitation of the Trisagion and that of the Holy

Eleventh: His compassion for sinners and his untiring, intense zeal for their salvation. He pleaded with God Almighty to let him remain by the gates of hell until the end of time, to tell everyone: "Stop, Stop! Do not trespass these horrible gates of hell! Do not dare to walk through these gates! Turn back, turn back! Do not go through these gates -Stop! - Turn back! Make your consession! Save your immortal soul." All of his prayers had these three intentions:

What He Prayed For

- 1) The deliverance of the souls from Purgatory.
 - 2) The perseverance of the just.
- 3) The conversion of sinners throughout the entire world.

Twelfth: St. Anthony Mary Claret's love for the Holy Father was ever outstanding. As a Father of Vatican Council I he defended so convincingly the infallibility of the Holy Father that on May 31, 1870, before all the Fathers of the Council he said: "I carry the stigmata of Christ in my body and I wish I could shed all my blood to seal this great truth - I believe that the Roman Supreme Pontiff is infallible when speaking ex cathedra in the Name of Christ and in the name of Sts. Peter and Paul and in his own name on matters of faith and morals." His sermon was so eloquent and the impression produced on the Council so enormous that the balloting on Infallibility was favorable despite the debate and the opposition that took place, particularly with the French bishops. The Secretary of the Council said: "Truly Archbishop Claret is a Confessor of the Faith."

These twelve reasons make St. Anthony Mary Claret the perfect forerunner of the message of Our Blessed Mother in Fatima. His statue at the right hand of the Blessed Mother in her Basilica at Fatima is in its right place! And it is fitting that the Blue Army of Our Lady, in the centenary year of his death, should adopt him as its special Patron.



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September 27, 1970

Most Reverend Father Anthony Leghisa, C.M.F. Superior General, Claretian Missionary Fathers International Basilica of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Via Sacro Cuore Di Maria, 5 00197 Roma, Italia

My dear Father General,

First, let me thank you wholeheartedly, Father General, for the permission you have given me to accept the invitation of Mr. John M. Haffert, founder and International Lay Director of the Blue Army, to be the chaplain for the pilgrimage organized by the Blue Army in honor of St. Anthony Mary Claret on the centennial of his death. I thank you also for your permission to say the Holy Mass in the place of his death, the former Cistercian Monador at Fontfroide, on the day and in the very hour of the centennial of his passing to his

The enclosed brochure describes our itinerary. It will be for us a great joy to visit the different shrines, especially, this time, Fontfroide, and to say Mass there. Also enclosed is a letter to my

Mr. Haffert desires to proclaim St. Anthony Mary Claret as the main patron, next to Our Blessed Mother, of the Blue Army on October 13 in Rome. Since the Blue Army numbers some 20 million members in 57 nation this proclamation will do very much to make our Founder much more widely known throughout the world, which he well deserves, than he is at present. This proclamation could well be considered, therefore, the most significant highlight of the entire centenary year. I have, therefore, taken the liberty to suggest to Mr. Haffert that he request your permission to hold this auspicious event at the International Basilica of the Immaculate Heart.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you again in Rome with my pilgrims, most of whom are members of my lay Claretian Missionary Auxiliaries from Los Angeles. I have several times invited Commander and Mrs. Hub who organized our pilgrimage two years ago, to come this year, but the are financially unable to do so.

Filially yours,

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September 16, 1970

My dear Claretian Pilgrims:

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With our deepest gratitude to our good, good God, our Father par excellence, and to our dearest Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, we all are about to embark to Europe on a mighty jetliner that will place us so easily and so quickly among the numberless shrines that we are going to visit for the increase of our faith, hope and charity. These spiritual gifts will come to us through the mediation of those holy people now in heaven, who preceded us on earth, where their precious remains are kept in those privileged places that we intend to visit. Their holy remains are highly venerated by the devout people who are endeavoring to follow in their holy footsteps here on earth, in order to be in their holy company in heaven after this life.

We have, above all, before any other saint, the Blessed Mother, our Own Divine Mother, and her renowned shrines of Fatima in Portugal, of Our Lady of the Pillar in Zaragosa, Spain, of Lourdes in France, and of Saint Mary Major (or Our Lady of Snows, as it is commonly known) and the International Basilica of the Immaculate Heart, both in the heart of Christendom, the eternal Rome. We could visit many other shrines of the Blessed Mother, but time does not permit this.

Then, we are also going to visit quite a few shrines of the saints, whose holy remains are encased in precious reliquaries. Many we will have to miss, but not those of our own saint and hero, Saint Anthony Mary Claret. We are going to concentrate on this great saint, increase our devotion to him, try to imitate him more, and visit the places where he was born, lived, was sanctified, and finally died.

Just think, my dear Pilgrims, what a rare privilege will be ours! We are the ones chosen to represent Catholic America, all the Church, and even the entire world at our communal celebration of Holy Mass in Fontfroide near Norbonne, France, at 8:45 P.M. on October 24th, in the very place and at the exact hour where, one hundred years before, his soul flew as a mighty eagle straight to God. This moment will be the culmination of our pilgrimage - the supreme moment in which we will celebrate the passing into eternity from Fontfroide of a saint who, since he was five years old, prayed by day and by night for the salvation of all souls of the whole world up to the end of time. This

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great apostle of the whole world is our hero on this pilgrimage. After our visits to the shrines of our Blessed Mother, all the other saints, though so dear to us, will take a second place on this occasion in which we honor our hero on the first centennial of his death.

We are ever so thankful to Mr. John M. Haffert for having not only made this rigrimage possible, but also an accomplished reality, through his keen foresight and initiative and his world-wide inflaence. We thank Mr. Haffert most dearly for having elevated St. Anthony Mary Claret to the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Blue Army with its twenty million members in fifty-seven nations. Eternal gratitude to Mr. Haffert, the great founder and International Lay Director of the Blue Army, and its lay commander from its beginning up to the present day. May the Blessed Mother keep him in his strategic assignment for many years to come.

We pilgrims will pray very especially, not only on our pilgrimage, but ever afterwards, for such an outstanding benefactor as Mr. John M. Haffert in behalf of the greatest forerunner of Fatima, and prophet, over one hundred years before, of all the evils of present day communism, Saint Anthony Mary Claret.

In conclusion, my dear pilgrims, it will be for me a great privilege to be your Spiritual Director on this pilgrimage and to pray for each of you in all the shrines we visit for a manifold abundance of graces, both for yourselves and for all of your families.

Sincerely yours in the Immaculate Heart of our Beloved Mother,

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Rev. Father Aloysius Ellacuria, CMF

JOHN M. HAFFERT

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Sept. 19, 1970

Reverendissimo Padre Antonius Leghisa, Sup. Gen. C.M.F. Via Sacro Cuore di Maria, 5 Parioli 00107 Roma, Italia

Your Excellency,

Since the American pilgrimage for the centenary of Saint Anthony Mary Claret will be in Rome on October 13th I thought this appropriate for announcing that the Blue Army of Our Lady had accepted the Saint as official patron.

It was subsequently suggested that a major ceremony in this regard beheld at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and I have just taken this matter up with the Most Rev. John Vnenancio, Bishop of Leiria-Fatima and President of the Blue Army.

His Excellency feels that such a proclamation should first emanate, at least in form of approval, from the Holy See, since the Blue Army is an International Organization subject to the Holy See, and that while this presents no obstacle, the time is too short for any special ceremony.

His Excellency will be in contact with Cardinal Larrona for the Priests Seminar on the Immaculate Heart of Mary here at Fatima next summer and perhaps some formal ceremony could be discussed at that time. Nevertheless I shall come to Rome to meet Father Ellacuria and the group and announcement of the acceptance of the patronage by the International Council, pending approval of the Holy See, is planned in addition to an announcement here at Fatima on the 13th of October, anniversary of the final apparition and of the Miracle of the Sun.

We are happy to contribute in any small way to the glory of your great founder on the occasion of the centenary of his entry into Heaven.

Asking your blessing, and with every best wish I am

Most sincerely yours,

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"I give my blessing to you and to all your members." – POPE PAUL VI

September 2, 1970

Rev. Anthony Leghisa, C.M.F. Superior General of the Claretians Via Sacro Cuore Di Maria, 5 Rome, Italy 00197

Dear Father Leghisa:

We again want to thank you for having permitted Father Ellacuria to conduct the pilgrimage.

We thought you might be interested in the enclosed news release and story of the Centenary of St. Mary Anthony Claret which we prepared for this event.

Asking your blessing, I remain

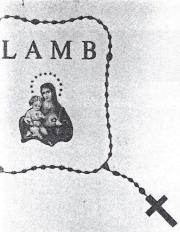
Sincerely yours in Christ,

John M. Haffert

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P.S. I would like to arrange some kind of special ceremony in Rome for October 13th. I will have a certificate from the Bishop of Fatima stating that St. Anthony Mary Claret has been proclaimed Patron of the Blue Army, and that members throughout the world will be asked to invoke him each day after the Morning Offering. Would it be proper, together with the pilgrimage, to present this to Your Reverence?



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17 March 1969

Most Reverend Antonio Leghisa, C.M.F., Superior General, Missionari Figli del 'Imm. Cuore de Maria, Via Sacro Cuore di Maria, 5 Roma, Italy

Most Reverend Father:

In behalf of all the Sons and Daughters of the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother, we are most grateful for the privilege of this audience on the Special Dedication of the New Provincial Residence, Office and Retreat Center of the Claretian Missionaries in Los Angeles. We sincerely pray that your visit to the United States may be a happy and memorable one.

We humbly request to present to you the four attached petitions for which we earnestly implore your favorable consideration.

God bless you and guide you as the Spiritual Leader of the Claretian Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother.

To Jesus With Mary,

Verne R. Hubka,

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FIRST PETITION

That the Claretian Missionary Fathers may acquire the Abbey at Fontfroide, Narabonne, France as a Special Shrine to honor St Anthony Mary Claret.

That the Abbey at Fontfroide may be developed into a World Claretian Center of Cordi-Marian Studies. Pilgrims from all over the world would gather to prepare themselves as apostles to spread Perfect Filial Consecration throughout the world.

That the highlight of the 1970 Centennial celebration honoring St Anthony Mary Claret may be held at the Abbey at Fontfroide.

To accomplish this First Petition, we humbly request that the Most Reverend Superior General:

- 1. Appoint a worthy person to arrange the financial contracts and acquire the title to the Abbey at Fontfroide for the Claretian Missionary Fathers as a World Claretian Center for Cordi-Marian Studies.
- 2. Request all the world community of Claretian Missionaries participate in this project by offering their prayers and sharing in the financial obligations.
- 3. Announce the special liturgical celebration and dedication ceremony to be held at the Abbey at Fontfroide on October 24, 1970 to highlight the Centennial honoring St Claret.
- 4. Authorize a special medállion commemorating this memorable event to be struck.

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SECOND PETITION

That the Claretian Missionary Fathers may erect <u>Claretian</u> <u>Historical Landmarks</u> at every spot where St Anthony Mary Claret traveled in Spain, France, Italy, Cuba and elsewhere to attract attention to the life of St Claret.

To accomplish this Second Petition, we humbly request that the Most Reverend Superior General:

- 1. Appoint a worthy person to determine which spots should be marked by a Claretian Historical Landmark and then coordinate the completion of this project.
- 2. Appoint a qualified person to design a standard model for the Claretian Historical Landmark.
- 3. Encourage local Claretian communities to erect the Claretian Historical Landmarks with the assistance of other Claretian communities, as appropriate.

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THIRD PETITION

That the Claretian Missionary Fathers may declare that the year of 1970 will be the "Claretian Year of Perfect Filial Consecration" in honor of the Cordi-Marian Spirituality of St Anthony Mary Claret, the Apostle of Perfect Filial Consecration.

To Accomplish this Third Petition, we humbly request that the Most Reverend Superior General:

1. Proclaim the following declaration to the world community of the Claretians:

Mandate for the Apostolate of Perfect Fillal Consecration to the immediate Heart of Our Blessed Mother

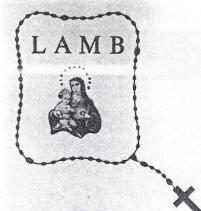
We give a very special blessing to the apostolate of Perfect Filial Consecration to the Immacthate Heart of Our Blessed Mother. "Perfect Filial Consecration" was a legacy given to us by Jesus Christ from the cross, when He said to His Mother, "Woman, behold thy Son." Then He said to the disciple, "Behold thy Mother." John 19:26-27.

Perfect Filial Consecration is the quintessence of the Cordi-Marian Spirituality of St Anthony Mary Claret who was the Apostle of Perfect Filial Consecration. Through the universal appeal of St Anthony Mary Claret to all of the faithful as the saint for all states in life and the betterment of the world, we observe in him the right approach to the ecumenism of Vatican II. Through his defense of Our Holy Father and his support of the decree on Papal Infallibility, we understand the meaning of holy courage. Through the heroic virtues of St Anthony Mary Claret, we are encouraged to express love for His Holiness, respect for His Supreme Office as Vicar of Christ and obedience to His ordinary and Supreme teaching authority.

We entreat all of the Claretian family to seek to Glorify God, Sanctify Themselves, and Savesouls through this Consecration requested by Jesus Christ. Their lives are to be consecrated daily to the special service of the Immaculate Heart through a life of Prayer, Study and Apostolate. Imbued with the supernatural character of a personal Perfect Filial Consecration in all their daily works, all of the Claretians are urged most particularly to join Jesus, the first Son of the Immaculate Heart, in this very special way, to develop a close brotherhood with Him as aposthes of His Mother and our own Spiritual Mother.

While invoking Our Blessed Mother's intercession in all the spiritual works of the Claretians, we exhort all the members of the Apostolate of Perfect Filial Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother to go forth into the world and assist the Church in her divinely committed mission to bring Jesus to the hearts of all men. "

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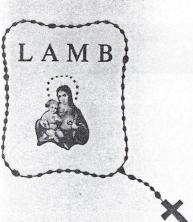
That the Claretian Missionary Fathers may increase devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Scapular as the external sign of Perfect Filial Consecration.

To accomplish this Fourth Petition, we humbly request that the Most Reverend Superior General:

- 1. Request the Holy Father endow the Immaculate Heart of Mary Scapular with increased indulgences and special favors to attract world-wide interest to the Personal Perfect Filial Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother.
- 2. Proclaim the following declaration to the world community of the Claretians:

Proclamation for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Scapular

We give a very special blessing to the devotion to the Scapular of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We encourage increased devotion to this highly indulgenced sacramental. Further, we proclaim it to be an exterior sign of interior Perfect Filial Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother.



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